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# Montana

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# Montana



	State	% of National
<b>Population</b>	1,042,520	0.3%
<b>18-55 Population</b>	458,709	0.3%
<b>Number of Institutions</b>	23	0.5%

Montana has 23 degree-granting higher education institutions, which represent 0.5% of all such institutions in the United States. These institutions enrolled a total of 50,798 students as of fall 2015 (46,066 of which are studying at the undergraduate level and 4,732 at the graduate level). The fall 2015 figure is a decrease of 2,566 students (or -4.8%) from the number enrolled in the fall of 2012.

Among the total student body, 10,783 (9,602 undergraduates and 1,181 graduate students) were taking at least one course at a distance. This is 21.2% of the enrolled student body, which is lower than the national average rate of 29.7%. The number of students taking distance education courses in the state decreased by 231 (or -2.1%) between fall 2012 and fall 2015. This is lower than the national level of growth of 11.0%.

3,464 students in Montana are taking all of their courses at a distance, made up of 2,694 undergraduates and 770 graduates. This represents 6.8% of all students enrolled in the state, a rate that is lower than the national average of 14.3%. A total of 2,596 (or 74.9% of these exclusively online students) live in Montana, the remainder come from outside of the state. This rate is higher than the national in-state average of 55.1%.

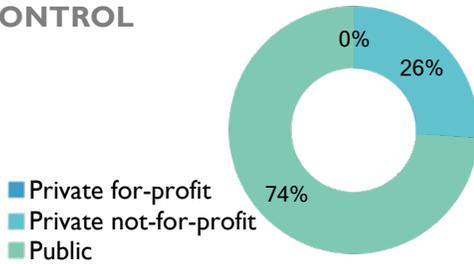
The number of students that take any of their courses on campus, including those who take all of their courses on campus and those who take a mix of on-campus and distance courses, is 47,334, or 93.2% of the total student enrollment in Montana. This number represents a decrease in proportion on campus from the four years prior (93.6% from 49,954 students in 2012). The -0.4% rate is a smaller change than the national 1.7% decrease.

## Overall and Distance Enrollment - 2015

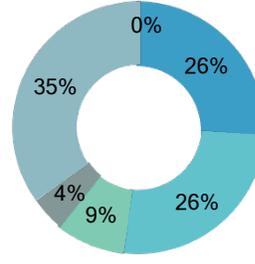
		Total		Undergraduate		Graduate	
		All Students	Any Distance	All Students	Any Distance	All Students	Any Distance
			Total		Total		Total
	<b>Total</b>	50,798	10,783	46,066	9,602	4,732	1,181
<b>Control</b>	Private for-profit	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Private not-for-profit	4,864	725	4,687	658	177	67
	Public	45,934	10,058	41,379	8,944	4,555	1,114
<b>Type</b>	2 to 4-year	8,904	2,521	8,904	2,521	0	0
	4-year or more	41,894	8,262	37,162	7,081	4,732	1,181
<b>Institutional Enrollment Size</b>	Under 1,000	4,408	556	4,408	556	0	0
	1,000 - 4,999	18,110	6,402	17,248	5,896	862	506
	5,000 - 9,999	0	0	0	0	0	0
	10,000 - 19,999	28,280	3,825	24,410	3,150	3,870	675
	20,000 and above	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Carnegie</b>	Associate's College	6,916	2,521	6,916	2,521	0	0
	Baccalaureate College	8,405	2,014	7,938	1,805	467	209
	Doctoral University	28,280	3,825	24,410	3,150	3,870	675
	Master's College	4,425	2,420	4,030	2,123	395	297
	Specialized	2,772	3	2,772	3	0	0
	Unassigned	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Distribution of State Institutions

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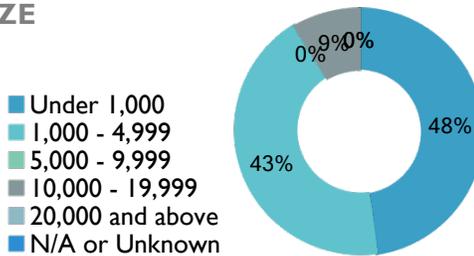


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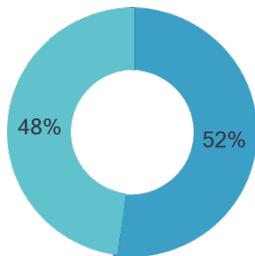


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- Baccalaureate College
- Doctoral University
- Master's College
- Specialized
- Unassigned

### SIZE



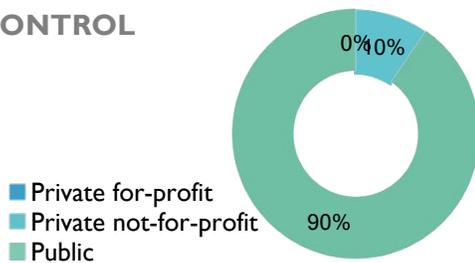
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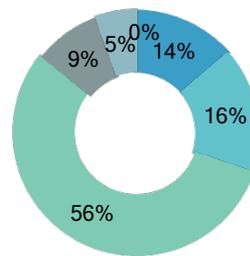
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## Distribution of Total Student Enrollment

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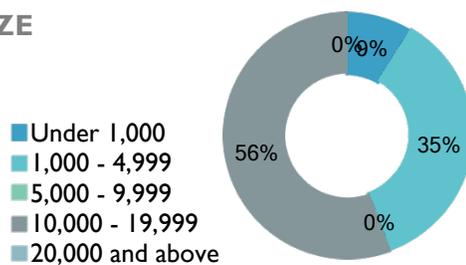


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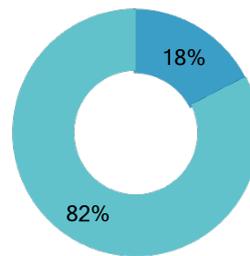


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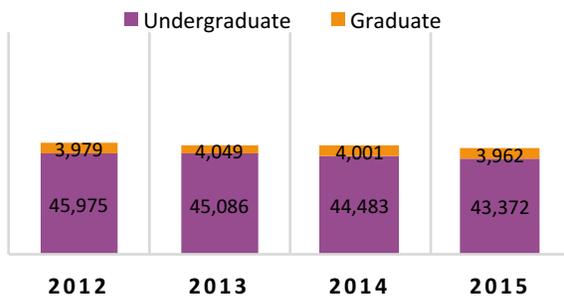


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- 4-year or more

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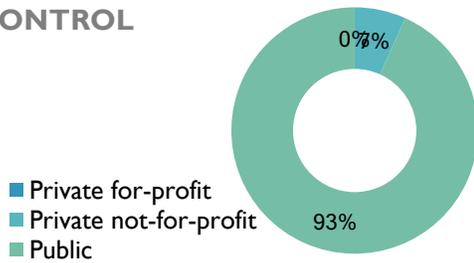


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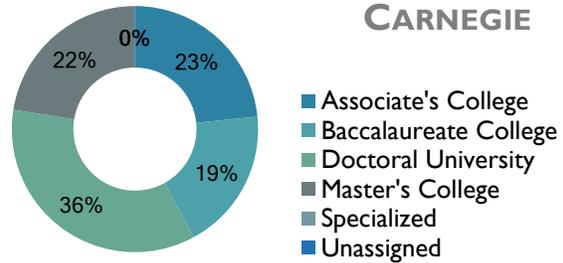


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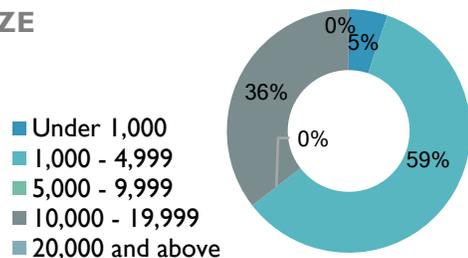
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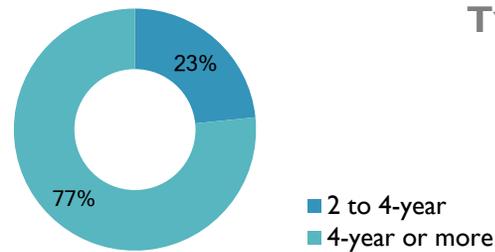
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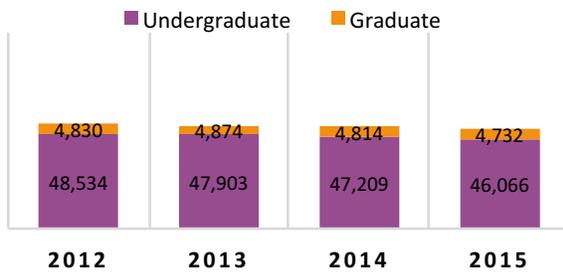


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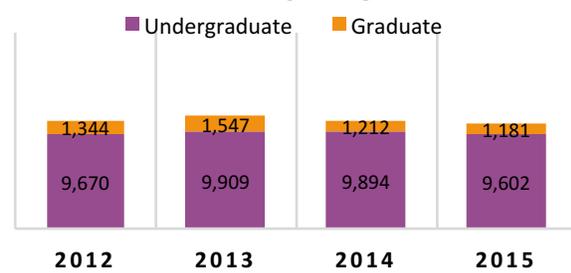


# Enrollment Trends

## TOTAL STUDENTS



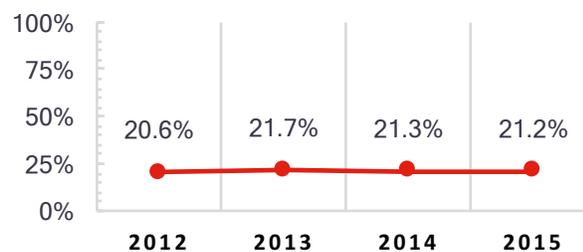
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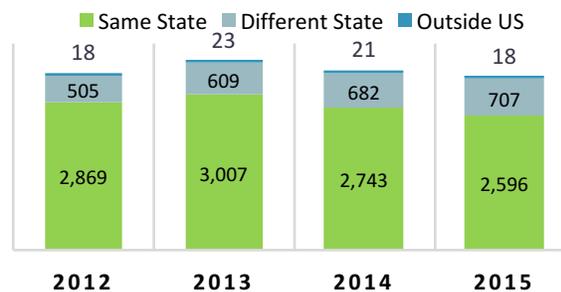
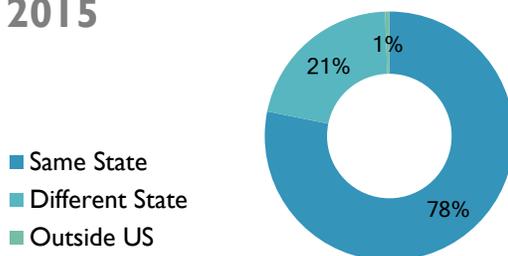


## PERCENT DISTANCE



# Exclusively Distance Student Locations

## 2015



## Overall Enrollment in Montana

### Top 10 Institutions by Total Numbers of Students - 2015

Rank	Institution	Total	Undergrad	Graduate	Control
1	Montana State University	15,236	13,633	1,603	Public
2	The University of Montana	13,044	10,777	2,267	Public
3	Montana State University-Billings	4,425	4,030	395	Public
4	Flathead Valley Community College	2,169	2,169	0	Public
5	Montana Tech of the University of Montana	2,130	1,920	210	Public
6	Great Falls College Montana State University	1,657	1,657	0	Public
7	Carroll College	1,469	1,469	0	Private not-for-profit
8	Helena College University of Montana	1,454	1,454	0	Public
9	The University of Montana-Western	1,403	1,403	0	Public
10	Montana State University-Northern	1,234	1,154	80	Public

### Top 10 Institutions by Enrollment Growth 2012-2015

Rank	Institution	2012	2015	Change	Control
1	Montana State University	14,269	15,236	967	Public
2	Montana Tech of the University of Montana	2,030	2,130	100	Public
3	University of Great Falls	1,058	1,134	76	Private not-for-profit
4	Highlands College of Montana Tech	786	850	64	Public
5	Miles Community College	441	481	40	Public
6	Stone Child College	501	540	39	Public
7	Blackfeet Community College	407	442	35	Private not-for-profit
8	Carroll College	1,463	1,469	6	Private not-for-profit
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## Distance Enrollment in Montana

### Top 10 Institutions by Distance Enrollment - 2015

Rank	Institution	Total	Undergrad	Graduate	Control
1	The University of Montana	2,558	2,143	415	Public
2	Montana State University-Billings	2,420	2,123	297	Public
3	Montana State University	1,267	1,007	260	Public
4	Great Falls College Montana State University	972	972	0	Public
5	University of Great Falls	722	655	67	Private not-for-profit
6	Montana State University-Northern	599	564	35	Public
7	Flathead Valley Community College	564	564	0	Public
8	Helena College University of Montana	432	432	0	Public
9	Montana Tech of the University of Montana	388	281	107	Public
10	The University of Montana-Western	305	305	0	Public

### Top 10 Institutions by Distance Enrollment Growth 2012-2015

Rank	Institution	2012	2015	Change	Control
1	The University of Montana-Western	28	305	277	Public
2	University of Great Falls	575	722	147	Private not-for-profit
3	Miles Community College	159	242	83	Public
4	Montana Tech of the University of Montana	317	388	71	Public
5	Dawson Community College	96	117	21	Public
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